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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/083,601	Applicant(s) Christoph E. Scheurich et al.
	Examiner Shawn An	Art Unit 2613

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) All b) Some* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

16) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.
2. The drawings are objected to because on Fig. 3, element "Driver Program 13" should be changed to "Driver Program 23". Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13, 15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Thro et al (6,037,991).

Thro et al disclose a computer system, a method for communicating, comprising: a communication link (Fig. 1); a camera (116) to communicate image data to the communication link; and a computer (101) to receive the image data from the communication link; a readable storage medium including instructions (205) that cause a processor to determine whether it is possible to transmit the data at a requested resolution and frame rate (Col. 3, lines 66-67 and Col. 4, lines 1-3); and interact with the camera to transmit the data at an adjusted resolution (Col. 4, lines 21-67) as specified in claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 13, and 17-18.

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Regarding claims 4-5, 10-11, and 15, Thro et al disclose determining a usable bandwidth periodically for transmission (Col. 4, lines 5-23) as specified.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2, 6, 8, 12, 14, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thro et al (6,037,991).

Regarding claims 2, 8, and 14, Even though Thro et al do not specifically disclose decreasing resolution, but it is well known and considered very conventional in the art.

Regarding claims 6, 12, and 16, Even though Thro et al do not specifically disclose testing for available packet size, it is well known in the art to utilize a certain packet size within a specified bandwidth in order to prevent an overflow.

Conclusion

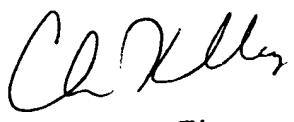
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

- A) Hsieh et al (5,969,750), Moving picture camera with universal serial bus interface.
- B) Rostoker et al (5,708,659), Method for hashing in a packet network switching system.

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8. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawn An whose telephone number is (703) 305-0099.



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